

# Forward integrals and an Itô formula for fractional Brownian motion

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## Abstract

We consider the *forward integral* with respect to fractional Brownian motion  $B^{(H)}(t)$  and relate this to the Wick-Itô-Skorohod integral by using the  $M$ -operator introduced by [10] and the Malliavin derivative  $D_t^{(H)}$ . Using this connection we obtain a general Itô formula for the Wick-Itô-Skorohod integrals with respect to  $B^{(H)}(t)$ , valid for  $H \in (\frac{1}{2}, 1)$ .

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# 1 Introduction

Fractional Brownian motion  $B^{(H)}(t) = B^{(H)}(t, \omega)$ ,  $t \geq 0, \omega \in \Omega$ , with Hurst parameter  $H \in (0, 1)$  is a real-valued Gaussian process on a probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$  with the property that

$$E[B^{(H)}(t)] = B^{(H)}(0) = 0 \quad \text{for all } t \geq 0$$

and

$$E[B^{(H)}(t)B^{(H)}(s)] = \frac{1}{2}[t^{2H} + s^{2H} - |t - s|^{2H}]; \quad t, s \geq 0$$

where  $E$  denotes expectation with respect to  $\mathbb{P}$ .

Because of its properties the fractional Brownian motion has been used to model a number of phenomena, e.g. in biology, meteorology, physics and finance. See e.g. [24], [6], [7], [21] and the references therein. In that connection, it is of interest to develop a stochastic calculus based on  $B^{(H)}(t)$ . In particular, one wants an integration theory, a white noise theory and a Malliavin calculus for such processes. See e.g. [6] and the references therein for an account of this.

There are several different integral concepts of independent interest, among which the *pathwise integral* and the *Wick-Itô-Skorohod integral*. For each of these integrals several versions of an Itô formula have been obtained. See for example [5], [7], [9], [15], [18], [19], [11].

The purpose of this paper is to prove a new general Itô formula for the Wick-Itô-Skorohod integral based on the  $M$ -operator of [10] and the Malliavin derivative  $D_t^{(H)}$ , valid for  $H \in (\frac{1}{2}, 1)$ .

# 2 Some preliminaries

Here we recall the approach of [10], [16], [7] to white-noise calculus for fractional Brownian motion.

We begin by recalling the standard setup for the classical white noise probability space. See e.g. [13], [17], [14] or [1] for more details.

**Definition 2.1** *Let  $\mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R})$  denote the Schwartz space of rapidly decreasing smooth functions on  $\mathbb{R}$  and let  $\Omega := \mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R})$  be its dual, usually called the space of tempered distributions. Let  $\mathbb{P}$  be the probability measure on the Borel sets  $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R}))$  defined by the property that*

$$\int_{\mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R})} \exp(i \langle \omega, f \rangle) d\mathbb{P}(\omega) = \exp(-\frac{1}{2} \|f\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R})}^2); \quad f \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}), \quad (2.1)$$

where  $i = \sqrt{-1}$  and  $\langle \omega, f \rangle = \omega(f)$  is the action of  $\omega \in \Omega = \mathcal{S}'(\mathbb{R})$  on  $f \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R})$ .

The measure  $\mathbb{P}$  is called the white noise probability measure. Its existence follows from the Bochner–Minlos theorem.

In the following we let

$$h_n(x) = (-1)^n e^{\frac{x^2}{2}} \frac{d^n}{dx^n} (e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}}); \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots \quad (2.2)$$

denote the *Hermite polynomials* and we let

$$\xi_n(x) = \pi^{-\frac{1}{4}} ((n-1)!)^{-\frac{1}{2}} h_{n-1}(\sqrt{2}x) e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}}; \quad n = 1, 2, \dots \quad (2.3)$$

be the *Hermite functions*. Then  $\xi_n \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R})$ . From [25],  $\{\xi_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  constitutes an orthonormal basis for  $L^2(\mathbb{R})$ . Let  $\mathcal{J}$  be the set of all multi-indices  $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots)$  of finite length  $l(\alpha) = \max\{i; \alpha_i \neq 0\}$ , with  $\alpha_i \in \mathbb{N}_0 = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$  for all  $i$ . For  $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n) \in \mathcal{J}$  we put  $\alpha! = \alpha_1! \alpha_2! \cdots \alpha_n!$  and  $|\alpha| = \alpha_1 + \cdots + \alpha_n$  and we define

$$\mathcal{H}_\alpha(\omega) = h_{\alpha_1}(\langle \omega, \xi_1 \rangle) h_{\alpha_2}(\langle \omega, \xi_2 \rangle) \cdots h_{\alpha_n}(\langle \omega, \xi_n \rangle). \quad (2.4)$$

In particular special cases are the unit vectors

$$\epsilon^{(k)} = (0, 0, \dots, 0, 1) \quad (2.5)$$

with 1 on the  $k$ 'th entry, 0 otherwise;  $k = 1, 2, \dots$ . We now use the well-known Wiener-Itô chaos expansion Theorem to define the following space  $(\mathcal{S})$  of stochastic test functions and the dual space  $(\mathcal{S})^*$  of stochastic distributions:

**Definition 2.2 a)** We define the Hida space  $(\mathcal{S})$  of stochastic test functions to be all  $\psi \in L^2(\mathbb{P})$  whose expansion

$$\psi(\omega) = \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{J}} a_\alpha \mathcal{H}_\alpha(\omega)$$

satisfies

$$\|\psi\|_k^2 := \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{J}} a_\alpha^2 \alpha! (2\mathbb{N})^{k\alpha} < \infty \quad \text{for all } k = 1, 2, \dots \quad (2.6)$$

where

$$(2\mathbb{N})^\gamma = (2 \cdot 1)^{\gamma_1} (2 \cdot 2)^{\gamma_2} \cdots (2 \cdot m)^{\gamma_m} \quad \text{if } \gamma = (\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_m) \in \mathcal{J}. \quad (2.7)$$

b) We define the Hida space  $(\mathcal{S})^*$  of stochastic distributions to be the set of formal expansions

$$G(\omega) = \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{J}} b_\alpha \mathcal{H}_\alpha(\omega)$$

such that

$$\|G\|_q^2 := \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{J}} b_\alpha^2 \alpha! (2\mathbb{N})^{-q\alpha} < \infty \quad \text{for some } q < \infty. \quad (2.8)$$

We equip  $(\mathcal{S})$  with the projective topology and  $(\mathcal{S})^*$  with the inductive topology. Convergence in  $(\mathcal{S})$  means convergence in  $\|\cdot\|_k$  for every  $k = 1, 2, \dots$ , while convergence in  $(\mathcal{S})^*$  means convergence in  $\|\cdot\|_q$  for some  $q < \infty$ . Then  $(\mathcal{S})^*$  can be identified with the dual of  $(\mathcal{S})$  and the action of  $G \in (\mathcal{S})^*$  on  $\psi \in (\mathcal{S})$  is given by

$$\langle G, \psi \rangle_{(\mathcal{S})^*, (\mathcal{S})} := \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{J}} \alpha! a_\alpha b_\alpha \quad (2.9)$$

In the sequel, we will denote the action  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{(\mathcal{S})^*, (\mathcal{S})}$  simply with the symbol  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ . We can in a natural way define  $(\mathcal{S})^*$ -valued integrals as follows:

**Definition 2.3 (Integration in  $(\mathcal{S})^*$ )** Suppose  $Z : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow (\mathcal{S})^*$  has the property that

$$\langle Z(t), \psi \rangle \in L^1(\mathbb{R}, dt) \quad \text{for all } \psi \in (\mathcal{S}).$$

Then the integral

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} Z(t) dt$$

is defined to be the unique element of  $(\mathcal{S})^*$  such that

$$\left\langle \int_{\mathbb{R}} Z(t) dt, \psi \right\rangle = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \langle Z(t), \psi \rangle dt \quad \text{for all } \psi \in (\mathcal{S}). \quad (2.10)$$

Such functions  $Z(t)$  are called  $dt$ -integrable in  $(\mathcal{S})^*$ .

Let  $B(t)$  a standard Brownian motion on  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$ . If we consider  $B(t)$  as a map  $B(\cdot) : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow (\mathcal{S})^*$ , then  $B(t)$  is differentiable with respect to  $t$  and its derivative  $W(t) := \frac{d}{dt} B(t)$  exists in  $(\mathcal{S})^*$  and is called *white noise*.

A fundamental property of the Wick product is the following relation to (Itô-)Skorohod integration. We recall the definition of Skorohod integral.

Let  $u(t, \omega)$ ,  $\omega \in \Omega$ ,  $t \in [0, T]$  be a stochastic process (always assumed to be  $(t, \omega)$ -measurable), such that

$$u(t, \cdot) \quad \text{is } \mathcal{F}\text{-measurable for all } t \in [0, T] \quad (2.11)$$

and

$$E[u^2(t, \omega)] < \infty \quad \text{for all } t \in [0, T]. \quad (2.12)$$

**Definition 2.4** Suppose  $u(t, \omega)$  is a stochastic process satisfying (2.11), (2.12) and with Wiener-Itô chaos expansion

$$u(t, \omega) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} I_n(f_n(\cdot, t)). \quad (2.13)$$

Then we define the Skorohod integral of  $u$  by

$$\delta(u) := \int_{\mathbb{R}} u(t, \omega) \delta B(t) := \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} I_{n+1}(\tilde{f}_n) \quad (\text{when convergent}) \quad (2.14)$$

where  $\tilde{f}_n$  is the symmetrization of  $f_n(t_1, \dots, t_n, t)$  as a function of  $n+1$  variables  $t_1, \dots, t_n, t$ .

We say  $u$  is Skorohod-integrable and write  $u \in \text{dom}(\delta)$  if the series in (2.14) converges in  $L^2(\mathbb{P})$ . This occurs iff

$$E[\delta(u)^2] = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+1)! \|\tilde{f}_n\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^{n+1})}^2 < \infty. \quad (2.15)$$

**Theorem 2.5** Suppose  $f(t, \omega) : \mathbb{R} \times \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is Skorohod integrable. Then  $f(t, \cdot) \diamond W(t)$  is  $dt$ -integrable in  $(\mathcal{S})^*$  and

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} f(t, \omega) \delta B(t) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} f(t, \omega) \diamond W(t) dt, \quad (2.16)$$

where the integral on the left is the Skorohod integral (which coincides with the Itô integral if  $f$  is adapted) and  $f(t, \omega) \diamond W(t)$  denotes the Wick product in  $(\mathcal{S})^*$ .

## 2.1 Integration

We now review briefly how the classical white noise theory can be used in order to construct a stochastic integral with respect to a fractional Brownian motion  $B^{(H)}(t)$  for any  $H \in (0, 1)$  as in the approach of [10]. The main idea is to relate the fractional Brownian motion  $B^{(H)}(t)$  with Hurst parameter  $H \in (0, 1)$  to classical Brownian motion  $B(t)$  via the following operator  $M$ :

**Definition 2.6** The operator  $M = M^{(H)}$  is defined on functions  $f \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R})$  by

$$\widehat{Mf}(y) = |y|^{\frac{1}{2}-H} \hat{f}(y); \quad y \in \mathbb{R} \quad (2.17)$$

where

$$\hat{g}(y) := \int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{-ixy} g(x) dx \quad (2.18)$$

denotes the Fourier transform.

For further details on the operator  $M$ , we refer to [10] and to [6]. The operator  $M$  extends in a natural way from  $\mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R})$  to the space

$$\begin{aligned} L_H^2(\mathbb{R}) &:= \{f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \text{ (deterministic); } |y|^{\frac{1}{2}-H} \hat{f}(y) \in L^2(\mathbb{R})\} \\ &= \{f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}; Mf(x) \in L^2(\mathbb{R})\} \\ &= \{f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}; \|f\|_{L_H^2(\mathbb{R})} < \infty\}, \text{ where } \|f\|_{L_H^2(\mathbb{R})} = \|Mf\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R})}. \end{aligned}$$

The inner product on this space is

$$\langle f, g \rangle_{L_H^2(\mathbb{R})} = \langle Mf, Mg \rangle_{L^2(\mathbb{R})}. \quad (2.19)$$

If  $(\xi_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is the orthonormal basis of  $L^2(\mathbb{R})$  introduced in (2.3), then

$$e_n := M^{-1} \xi_n, \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N} \quad (2.20)$$

is an orthonormal basis for  $L_H^2(\mathbb{R})$ . In particular, the indicator function  $\chi_{[0,t]}(\cdot)$  is easily seen to belong to this space, for fixed  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ , and we write

$$M\chi_{[0,t]}(x) = M[0,t](x).$$

We now define, for  $t \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\tilde{B}^{(H)}(t) := \tilde{B}^{(H)}(t, \omega) := \langle \omega, M[0,t](\cdot) \rangle \quad (2.21)$$

Then  $\tilde{B}^{(H)}(t)$  is Gaussian,  $\tilde{B}^{(H)}(0) = E[\tilde{B}^{(H)}(t)] = 0$  for all  $t \in \mathbb{R}$  and

$$E \left[ \tilde{B}^{(H)}(s) \tilde{B}^{(H)}(t) \right] = \frac{1}{2} [|t|^{2H} + |s|^{2H} - |s-t|^{2H}]$$

as follows by [10], (A.10). Therefore the continuous version of  $B^{(H)}(t)$  of  $\tilde{B}^{(H)}(t)$  is a fractional Brownian motion on  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$ . Let  $f \in L_H^2(\mathbb{R})$  and define

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} f(t) dB^{(H)}(t) := \int_{\mathbb{R}} Mf(t) dB(t); \quad f \in L_H^2(\mathbb{R}). \quad (2.22)$$

Now define the *fractional white noise*  $W^{(H)}(t)$  as the derivative with respect to  $t$  of  $B^{(H)}(t)$

$$\frac{dB^{(H)}(t)}{dt} = W^{(H)}(t) \text{ in } (\mathcal{S})^*. \quad (2.23)$$

In particular, by [7] we obtain that the relation between fractional and classical white noise is given by

$$W^{(H)}(t) = MW(t). \quad (2.24)$$

In view of Theorem 2.5 the following definition is natural:

**Definition 2.7 (The fractional Wick-Itô-Skorohod (WIS) integral)**

Let  $Y : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow (\mathcal{S})^*$  be such that  $Y(t) \diamond W^{(H)}(t)$  is  $dt$ -integrable in  $(\mathcal{S})^*$ . Then we say that  $Y$  is  $dB^{(H)}$ -integrable and we define the Wick-Itô-Skorohod (WIS) integral of  $Y(t) = Y(t, \omega)$  with respect to  $B^{(H)}(t)$  by

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} Y(t, \omega) dB^{(H)}(t) := \int_{\mathbb{R}} Y(t) \diamond W^{(H)}(t) dt. \quad (2.25)$$

Note that this definition coincides with (2.22) if  $Y = f \in L_H^2(\mathbb{R})$ .

**Definition 2.8** A process  $Y(t) = \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{J}} c_\alpha(t) \mathcal{H}_\alpha(\omega) \in (\mathcal{S})^*$  belongs to the space  $\mathcal{M}$  if  $c_\alpha(\cdot) \in L_H^2(\mathbb{R})$  and  $\sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{J}} M c_\alpha(t) \mathcal{H}_\alpha(\omega)$  converges in  $(\mathcal{S})^*$  for all  $t$ .

Then the following fundamental relation holds.

**Proposition 2.9 (Integration)**[BØSW, (5.2)], [Ø, (3.16)] Suppose  $Y : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow (\mathcal{S})^*$  is  $dB^{(H)}$ -integrable (Definition 2.7) and  $Y \in \mathcal{M}$ . Then

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} Y(t) dB^{(H)}(t) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} MY(t) \delta B(t). \quad (2.26)$$

## 2.2 Differentiation

We now recall the approach in [16] to differentiation, as modified and extended by [10]:

**Definition 2.10** Let  $F : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and choose  $\gamma \in \Omega$ . Then we say  $F$  has a directional  $M$ -derivative in the direction  $\gamma$  if

$$D_\gamma^{(H)} F(\omega) := \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\varepsilon} [F(\omega + \varepsilon M\gamma) - F(\omega)] \quad (2.27)$$

exists almost surely in  $(\mathcal{S})^*$ . In that case we call  $D_\gamma^{(H)} F$  the directional  $M$ -derivative of  $F$  in the direction  $\gamma$ .

**Definition 2.11** We say that  $F : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is differentiable if there exists a function

$$\Psi : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow (\mathcal{S})^*$$

in  $\mathcal{M}$  such that

$$D_\gamma^{(H)} F(\omega) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} M\Psi(t)M\gamma(t)dt \quad \text{for all } \gamma \in L_H^2(\mathbb{R}). \quad (2.28)$$

Then we write

$$D_t^{(H)} F := \frac{\partial^{(H)}}{\partial \omega} F(t, \omega) = \Psi(t) \quad (2.29)$$

and we call  $D_t^{(H)} F$  the Malliavin derivative or the stochastic gradient of  $F$  at  $t$ .

In the classical case ( $H = \frac{1}{2}$ ) we use the notation  $D_t$  for the corresponding Malliavin derivative.

**Proposition 2.12** [BØSW, (5.1)] Let  $F \in (\mathcal{S})^*$ . Then

$$D_t F = M D_t^{(H)} F \quad \text{for a.a. } t \in \mathbb{R}. \quad (2.30)$$

**Proposition 2.13** [BØSW, Theorem 5.3] Suppose  $Y : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow (\mathcal{S})^*$  is  $dB^{(H)}$ -integrable. If  $D_t Y(\cdot) : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow (\mathcal{S})^*$  is  $dB^{(H)}$ -integrable for every  $t$ , then

$$D_t^{(H)} \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}} Y(s) dB^{(H)}(s) \right) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} D_t^{(H)} Y(s) dB^{(H)}(s) + Y(t). \quad (2.31)$$

**Definition 2.14** Let  $\mathbb{D}_{1,2}^{(H)}$  be the set of all  $F \in L^2(\mathbb{P})$  such that the Malliavin derivative  $D_t^{(H)} F$  exists and

$$E \left[ \int_{\mathbb{R}} [D_t^{(H)} F]^2 dt \right] < \infty \quad (2.32)$$

The following result has been obtained with a different proof in Lemma 2 of [18].

**Lemma 2.15** Suppose  $g \in L_H^2(\mathbb{R})$  and let  $F \in \mathbb{D}_{1,2}^{(H)}$ . Then

$$F \diamond \int_{\mathbb{R}} g(t) dB^{(H)}(t) = F \cdot \int_{\mathbb{R}} g(t) dB^{(H)}(t) - \langle g, D_\cdot^{(H)} F \rangle_{L_H^2(\mathbb{R})} \quad (2.33)$$



### 3 The forward integral

By following the approach of [23], we now define the *forward integral* with respect to the fractional Brownian motion as follows:

**Definition 3.1**

- a) The (classical) forward integral of a real valued measurable process  $Y$  with integrable trajectories is defined by

$$\int_0^T Y(t) d^- B^{(H)}(t) = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_0^T Y(t) \frac{B^{(H)}(t + \epsilon) - B^{(H)}(t)}{\epsilon} dt,$$

provided that the limit exists in probability under  $\mathbb{P}$ .

- b) The (generalized) forward integral of a real valued measurable process  $Y$  with integrable trajectories is defined by

$$\int_0^T Y(t) d^- B^{(H)}(t) = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_0^T Y(t) \frac{B^{(H)}(t + \epsilon) - B^{(H)}(t)}{\epsilon} dt,$$

provided that the limit exists in  $(\mathcal{S})^*$ .

Note that in the generalized definition of forward integral, the limit is required to exist in the *Hida space of stochastic distributions*  $(\mathcal{S})^*$  introduced in Definition 2.2. Convergence in  $(\mathcal{S})^*$  is also explained in Section 2.

**Corollary 3.2** Let  $\psi(t) = \psi(t, \omega)$  be a measurable forward integrable process and assume that  $\psi$  is càglàd. The forward integral of  $\psi$  with respect to the fractional Brownian motion  $B^{(H)}$  coincides with

$$\int_0^T \psi(t) d^- B^{(H)}(t) = \lim_{|\Delta| \rightarrow 0} \sum_{j=1}^N \psi(t_j) \Delta B_{t_j}^{(H)} \quad (3.1)$$

whenever the left-hand limit exists in probability, where  $\pi : 0 = t_0 < t_1 < \dots < t_N = T$  is a partition of  $[0, T]$  with mesh size  $|\Delta| = \sup_{j=0, \dots, N-1} |t_{j+1} - t_j|$

and  $\Delta B_{t_j}^{(H)} = B_{t_{j+1}}^{(H)} - B_{t_j}^{(H)}$ .

PROOF. Let  $\psi$  be a càglàd forward integrable process and

$$\psi^{(\Delta)}(t) = \sum_k \psi(t_k) \chi_{(t_k, t_{k+1}]}(t) \quad (3.2)$$

be a càglàd step function approximation to  $\psi$ . Then  $\psi^{(\Delta)}(t)$  converges boundedly almost surely to  $\psi(t)$  as  $|\Delta| \rightarrow 0$ . The forward integral of  $\psi^{(\Delta)}(t)$  is then given by

$$\begin{aligned}
\int_0^T \psi^{(\Delta)}(t) d^- B^{(H)}(t) &= \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_0^T \psi^{(\Delta)}(s) \frac{B^{(H)}(s+\epsilon) - B^{(H)}(s)}{\epsilon} ds \\
&= \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \sum_k \psi(t_k) \int_{t_k}^{t_{k+1}} \frac{1}{\epsilon} \int_s^{s+\epsilon} dB^{(H)}(u) ds \\
&= \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \sum_k \psi(t_k) \int_{t_k}^{t_{k+1}} \frac{1}{\epsilon} \int_{u-\epsilon}^u ds dB^{(H)}(u) \\
&= \sum_k \psi(t_k) \Delta B_{t_k}^{(H)}, \tag{3.3}
\end{aligned}$$

where  $\Delta B_{t_k}^{(H)} = B_{t_{k+1}}^{(H)} - B_{t_k}^{(H)}$ . Hence (3.1) follows by the dominated convergence theorem and by (3.3).  $\square$

For the sequel we will use the same notation as in Section 2.

**Definition 3.3** *The space  $\mathbb{L}_{1,2}^{(H)}$  consists of all càglàd processes*

$$\psi(t) = \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{J}} c_\alpha(t) \mathcal{H}_\alpha(\omega) \in (\mathcal{S})^*$$

for every  $t \in [0, T]$  and such that

$$\|\psi\|_{\mathbb{L}_{1,2}^{(H)}}^2 := \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{J}} \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \alpha_i \alpha! \|c_\alpha\|_{L^2([0,T])}^2 < \infty. \tag{3.4}$$

Note that if  $\psi(t) \in (\mathcal{S})^*$  for every  $t \in [0, T]$ , then  $D_s \psi(t)$  exists in  $(\mathcal{S})^*$  (see Lemma 3.10 of [1]). We recall a preliminary lemma needed in the following.

**Lemma 3.4** *Let  $(\Gamma, \mathcal{G}, m)$  be a measure space. Let  $f_\epsilon : \Gamma \rightarrow B$ ,  $\epsilon \in \mathbb{R}$ , be measurable functions with values in a Banach space  $(B, \|\cdot\|_B)$ . If  $f_\epsilon(\gamma) \rightarrow f_0(\gamma)$  as  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$  for almost every  $\gamma \in \Gamma$  and there exists  $K < \infty$  such that*

$$\int_{\Gamma} \|f_\epsilon(\gamma)\|_B^2 dm(\gamma) < K \tag{3.5}$$

for all  $\epsilon \in \mathbb{R}$ , then

$$\int_{\Gamma} f_\epsilon(\gamma) dm(\gamma) \rightarrow \int_{\Gamma} f_0(\gamma) dm(\gamma) \tag{3.6}$$

in  $\|\cdot\|_B$ .

PROOF. The proof is analogous to the one of Theorem II.21.2 of [22].  $\square$

**Lemma 3.5** Suppose that  $\psi \in \mathbb{L}_{1,2}^{(H)}$ . Then

$$M_{t+}D_{t+}\psi(t) := \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\epsilon} \int_t^{t+\epsilon} M_s D_s \psi(t) ds \quad (3.7)$$

exists in  $L^2(\mathbb{P})$  for all  $t$ . Moreover

$$\int_0^T M_{t+}D_{t+}\psi(t)dt = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_0^T \left( \frac{1}{\epsilon} \int_t^{t+\epsilon} M_s D_s \psi(t) ds \right) dt \quad (3.8)$$

in  $L^2(\mathbb{P})$  and

$$E \left[ \left( \int_0^T M_{s+} D_{s+} \psi(s) ds \right)^2 \right] < \infty. \quad (3.9)$$

PROOF. Suppose that  $\psi(t)$  has the expansion

$$\psi(t) = \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{J}} c_\alpha(t) \mathcal{H}_\alpha(\omega).$$

In the sequel we drop  $\omega$  in  $\mathcal{H}_\alpha(\omega)$  for the sake of simplicity. Then we have

$$D_s \psi(t) = \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{J}} \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} c_\alpha(t) \alpha_i \mathcal{H}_{\alpha-\epsilon(i)} \xi_i(s)$$

and

$$M_s D_s \psi(t) = \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{J}} \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} c_\alpha(t) \alpha_i \mathcal{H}_{\alpha-\epsilon(i)} \eta_i(s),$$

where  $\eta_i(s) = M \xi_i(s)$ . Hence

$$\frac{1}{\epsilon} \int_t^{t+\epsilon} M_s D_s \psi(t) ds = \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{J}} \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (c_\alpha(t) \frac{1}{\epsilon} \int_t^{t+\epsilon} \eta_i(s) ds) \alpha_i \mathcal{H}_{\alpha-\epsilon(i)}.$$

Since  $\eta_i(s) = M \xi(s)$  is a continuous function, we have that

$$\frac{1}{\epsilon} \int_t^{t+\epsilon} \eta_i(s) ds \rightarrow \eta_i(t)$$

as  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$ .

We apply now Lemma 3.4 with  $\gamma = (\alpha, i)$ ,  $dm(\gamma) = \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{J}} \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \delta_{(\alpha, i)}$ , where

$\delta_x$  denotes the point mass at  $x$ ,  $B = L^2(\mathbb{P})$  and  $f_\epsilon = (c_\alpha(t) \frac{1}{\epsilon} \int_t^{t+\epsilon} \eta_i(s) ds) \alpha_i \mathcal{H}_{\alpha-\epsilon(i)}$ . We obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\Gamma} \|f_\epsilon(\gamma)\|_B^2 dm(\gamma) &= \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{J}} \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \|f_\epsilon(\gamma)\|_{L^2(\mathbb{P})}^2 \\ &= \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{J}} \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (c_\alpha(t) \frac{1}{\epsilon} \int_t^{t+\epsilon} \eta_i(s) ds)^2 \alpha_i \alpha! \\ &\leq \left[ \frac{(t+\epsilon)^{2H} - t^{2H}}{\epsilon} \right]^2 \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{J}} \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} c_\alpha(t)^2 \alpha_i \alpha!, \end{aligned}$$

since

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\epsilon} \int_t^{t+\epsilon} \eta_i(s) ds &= \langle M\xi_i, \frac{1}{\epsilon} \chi_{[t, t+\epsilon]} \rangle_{L^2(\mathbb{R})} = \\ \langle M^2 e_i, \frac{1}{\epsilon} \chi_{[t, t+\epsilon]} \rangle_{L^2(\mathbb{R})} &= \langle e_i, \frac{1}{\epsilon} \chi_{[t, t+\epsilon]} \rangle_{L_H^2(\mathbb{R})} \leq \\ \|e_i\|_{L_H^2(\mathbb{R})} \frac{1}{\epsilon} \|\chi_{[t, t+\epsilon]}\|_{L_H^2(\mathbb{R})} &= \frac{(t+\epsilon)^{2H} - t^{2H}}{\epsilon}, \end{aligned}$$

where we have used that the fact that  $\|e_i\|_{L_H^2(\mathbb{R})} = 1$  and the equality

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} [M[a, b](x)]^2 dx = (b - a)^{2H}.$$

Since we have  $\sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{J}} \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} c_\alpha(t)^2 \alpha_i \alpha! < \infty$  for almost every  $t$ , by Lemma 3.4 it follows that  $\sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{J}} \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (c_\alpha(t) \frac{1}{\epsilon} \int_t^{t+\epsilon} \eta_i(s) ds) \alpha_i \mathcal{H}_{\alpha-\epsilon(i)}$  converges to

$$\sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{J}} \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} c_\alpha(t) \eta_i(t) \alpha_i \mathcal{H}_{\alpha-\epsilon(i)}$$

in  $L^2(\mathbb{P})$ .

We now prove (3.8). Consider

$$\int_0^T \frac{1}{\epsilon} \int_t^{t+\epsilon} M_s D_s \psi(t) ds dt = \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{J}} \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \int_0^T \left( c_\alpha(t) \frac{1}{\epsilon} \int_t^{t+\epsilon} \eta_i(s) ds \right) dt \alpha_i \mathcal{H}_{\alpha-\epsilon(i)}.$$

Now assuming  $f_\epsilon = \int_0^T \left( c_\alpha(t) \frac{1}{\epsilon} \int_t^{t+\epsilon} \eta_i(s) ds \right) dt \alpha_i \mathcal{H}_{\alpha-\epsilon(i)}$  and as before  $\gamma = (\alpha, i)$ ,  $B = L^2(\mathbb{P})$ ,  $dm(\gamma) = \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{J}} \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \delta_{\alpha, i}$ , where  $\delta_x$  denotes the point mass

at  $x$ , we use again Lemma 3.4. We obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
\int_{\Gamma} \|f_{\epsilon}(\gamma)\|_B^2 dm(\gamma) &= \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{J}} \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \|f_{\epsilon}(\gamma)\|_{L^2(\mathbb{P})}^2 \\
&= \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{J}} \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \left( \int_0^T c_{\alpha}(t) \frac{1}{\epsilon} \int_t^{t+\epsilon} \eta_i(s) ds dt \right)^2 \alpha_i \alpha! \\
&\leq \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{J}} \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \left( \int_0^T c_{\alpha}(t) \left[ \frac{(t+\epsilon)^{2H} - t^{2H}}{\epsilon} \right] dt \right)^2 \alpha_i \alpha! \\
&\leq \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{J}} \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \left( \int_0^T c_{\alpha}(t)^2 dt \right) \left( \int_0^T \left[ \frac{(t+\epsilon)^{2H} - t^{2H}}{\epsilon} \right]^2 dt \right) \alpha_i \alpha!.
\end{aligned} \tag{3.10}$$

Since  $\psi \in \mathbb{L}_{1,2}^{(H)}$  by Lemma 3.4 we can conclude that the limit 3.8 exists in  $L^2(\mathbb{P})$  and also that (3.9) holds.  $\square$

**Lemma 3.6** Suppose that  $\psi \in \mathbb{L}_{1,2}^{(H)}$  and let

$$\psi^{(\Delta)}(s) = \sum_k \psi(t_k) \chi_{(t_k, t_{k+1}]}(s) \tag{3.11}$$

be a càglàd step function approximation to  $\psi$ , where  $\Delta = \max_i |\Delta t_i|$  is the maximal length of the subinterval in the partition  $0 = t_0 < \dots < t_n = T$  of  $[0, T]$ . Then  $\psi^{(\Delta)} \in \mathbb{L}_{1,2}^{(H)}$  for all  $\Delta$  and

$$\int_0^T M_{s+} D_{s+} \psi^{(\Delta)}(s) ds \longrightarrow \int_0^T M_{s+} D_{s+} \psi(s) ds \quad \text{in } L^2(\mathbb{P}) \tag{3.12}$$

as  $|\Delta| \longrightarrow 0$ .

PROOF. Since  $\psi^{(\Delta)}(s) = \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{J}} c_{\alpha}^{(\Delta)}(s) \mathcal{H}_{\alpha}(\omega)$  with

$$c_{\alpha}^{(\Delta)}(s) = \sum_k c_{\alpha}(t_k) \chi_{(t_k, t_{k+1}]}(s)$$

and

$$\|c_{\alpha}^{(\Delta)}\|_{L^2([0, T])} \leq \text{const.} \|c_{\alpha}\|_{L^2([0, T])} \quad \forall \alpha, \tag{3.13}$$

it follows that  $\psi^{(\Delta)} \in \mathbb{L}_{1,2}^{(H)}$ . We have

$$\frac{1}{\epsilon} \int_t^{t+\epsilon} M_s D_s \psi^{(\Delta)}(t) ds = \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{J}} \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \left( \int_0^T (c_{\alpha}^{(\Delta)}(t) \frac{1}{\epsilon} \int_t^{t+\epsilon} \eta_i(s) ds) dt \right) \alpha_i \mathcal{H}_{\alpha-\epsilon(i)}.$$

If we assume  $\gamma = (\alpha, i)$ ,  $B = L^2(\mathbb{P})$ ,  $m(d\gamma) = \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{J}} \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \delta_{(\alpha, i)}$ , where  $\delta_x$  denotes the point mass at  $x$ , and  $f_{\Delta} = \left( \int_0^T c_{\alpha}^{(\Delta)}(t) \frac{1}{\epsilon} \int_t^{t+\epsilon} \eta_i(s) ds \right) \alpha_i \mathcal{H}_{\alpha-\epsilon(i)}$ , with the same argument as in (3.10) by Lemma 3.4 we obtain that

$$\int_0^T \left( \frac{1}{\epsilon} \int_t^{t+\epsilon} M_s D_s \psi(t) ds \right) dt = \lim_{|\Delta| \rightarrow 0} \int_0^T \left( \frac{1}{\epsilon} \int_t^{t+\epsilon} M_s D_s \psi^{(\Delta)}(t) ds \right) dt \quad (3.14)$$

in  $L^2(\mathbb{P})$  for almost every  $s$ , since  $c_{\alpha}^{(\Delta)}$  converges by dominated convergence to  $c_{\alpha}$  in  $L^2(\mathbb{P})$  and  $\psi^{(\Delta)} \in \mathbb{L}_{1,2}^{(H)}$ . Using (3.14) and Lemma 3.5 we conclude that (3.12) holds.  $\square$

We now investigate the relation among forward integrals and WIS-integrals for  $H > \frac{1}{2}$ .

In [4] and [19] a similar relation is established between the symmetric integral and the divergence, in [9] between the forward integral and the fractional Wick-Itô-Skorohod integral. For the case  $H < \frac{1}{2}$ , we refer to [2].

**Theorem 3.7** *Let  $H \in (0, 1)$ . Suppose  $\psi \in \mathbb{L}_{1,2}^{(H)}$  and that one of the following conditions holds:*

- i)  $\psi$  is Wick-Itô-Skorohod integrable (Definition 2.7);*
- ii)  $\psi$  is forward integrable in  $(\mathcal{S})^*$  (Definition 3.1).*

*Then*

$$\int_0^T \psi(t) d^- B^{(H)}(t) = \int_0^T \psi(t) dB^{(H)}(t) + \int_0^T M_{t+} D_{t+} \psi(t) dt, \quad (3.15)$$

*holds as an identity in  $(\mathcal{S})^*$ , where here  $\int_0^T \psi(t) dB^{(H)}(t)$  is the WIS-integral of Definition 2.7.*

**PROOF.** We prove (3.15) assuming that hypothesis *i*) is in force. The argument works symmetrically under hypothesis *ii*). Let  $\psi \in \mathbb{L}_{1,2}^{(H)}$ . Since  $\psi$  is càglàd, we can approximate it as

$$\psi(t) = \lim_{|\Delta t| \rightarrow 0} \sum_j \psi(t_j) \chi_{(t_j, t_{j+1}]}(t) \quad \text{a.e.}$$

where for any partition  $0 = t_0 < t_1 < \dots < t_N = T$  of  $[0, T]$ , with  $\Delta t_j = t_{j+1} - t_j$ , we have put  $|\Delta t| = \sup_{j=0, \dots, N-1} \Delta t_j$ .

As before we put  $\psi^{(\Delta)}(t) = \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} \psi(t_j) \chi_{(t_j, t_{j+1}]}(t)$  and evaluate

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^T \psi^{(\Delta)}(t) d^- B^{(H)}(t) &= \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_0^T \psi^{(\Delta)}(t, \omega) \frac{B^{(H)}(t + \epsilon) - B^{(H)}(t)}{\epsilon} dt = \\ &= \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_0^T \left( \sum_j \psi(t_j) \chi_{(t_j, t_{j+1}]}(t) \right) \frac{1}{\epsilon} \int_t^{t+\epsilon} dB^{(H)}(u) dt = \\ &= \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_0^T \left( \sum_j \psi(t_j) \chi_{(t_j, t_{j+1}]}(t) \right) \diamond \frac{1}{\epsilon} \int_t^{t+\epsilon} dB^{(H)}(u) dt + \\ &= \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \sum_j \int_0^T \chi_{(t_j, t_{j+1}]}(t) \frac{1}{\epsilon} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \chi_{[t, t+\epsilon]}(u) M_u^2 D_u^{(H)} \psi(t_j) du dt. \end{aligned}$$

The first limit is equal to

$$\begin{aligned} &\lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_0^T \left( \sum_j \psi(t_j) \chi_{(t_j, t_{j+1}]}(t) \right) \diamond \frac{1}{\epsilon} \int_t^{t+\epsilon} dB^{(H)}(u) dt = \\ &= \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_0^T \left( \sum_j \psi(t_j) \chi_{(t_j, t_{j+1}]}(t) \right) \diamond \frac{1}{\epsilon} \int_t^{t+\epsilon} W^{(H)}(u) du dt = \\ &= \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_0^T \frac{1}{\epsilon} \left( \int_{u-\epsilon}^u \sum_j \psi(t_j) \chi_{(t_j, t_{j+1}]}(t) \right) \diamond W^{(H)}(u) du = \\ &= \int_0^T \psi^{(\Delta)}(u) \diamond W^{(H)}(u) du, \end{aligned}$$

that converges in  $(\mathcal{S})^*$  to  $\int_0^T \psi(u) \diamond W^{(H)}(u) du = \int_0^T \psi(u) dB^{(H)}(u)$ . For the second limit we get

$$\begin{aligned} &\lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\epsilon} \sum_j \int_0^T \chi_{(t_j, t_{j+1}]}(t) \int_t^{t+\epsilon} M_u^2 D_u^{(H)} \psi(t_j) du dt = \\ &= \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_0^T \frac{1}{\epsilon} \int_t^{t+\epsilon} M_u^2 D_u^{(H)} \psi^{(\Delta)}(t) du dt = \\ &= \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_0^T \frac{1}{\epsilon} \int_t^{t+\epsilon} M_u D_u \psi^{(\Delta)}(t) du dt. \end{aligned}$$

By Lemmas 3.5 and 3.6 the last limit converges to

$$\int_0^T M_{u+} D_{u+} \psi(u) du \tag{3.16}$$

in  $L^2(\mathbb{P})$ . □

An analogous relation to the one of Theorem 3.7 between Stratonovich integrals and Wick-Itô-Skorohod integrals for fractional Brownian motion is proved under different conditions in [18].

An Itô formula for forward integrals with respect to classical Brownian motion was obtained by [23] and then extended to the fractional Brownian motion case in [12]. Here we prove the following Itô formula for forward integrals with respect to fractional Brownian motion as a consequence of Lemma 3.8.

**Lemma 3.8** *Let  $G \in (\mathcal{S})^*$  and suppose that  $\psi$  is forward integrable. Then*

$$G(\omega) \int_0^T \psi(t) d^- B^{(H)}(t) = \int_0^T G(\omega) \psi(t) d^- B^{(H)}(t) \quad (3.17)$$

PROOF. This is immediate by Definition 3.1. □

**Definition 3.9** *Let  $\psi$  be a forward integrable process and let  $\alpha(s)$  be a measurable process such that  $\int_0^t |\alpha(s)| ds < \infty$  a.s. for all  $t \geq 0$ . Then the process*

$$X(t) := x + \int_0^t \alpha(s) ds + \int_0^t \psi(s) d^- B^{(H)}(s); \quad t \geq 0 \quad (3.18)$$

*is called a fractional forward process. As a shorthand notation for (3.18) we write*

$$d^- X(t) := \alpha(t) dt + \psi(t) d^- B^{(H)}(t); \quad X(0) = x. \quad (3.19)$$

**Theorem 3.10** *Let*

$$d^- X(t) = \alpha(t) dt + \psi(t) d^- B^{(H)}(t); \quad X(0) = x$$

*be a fractional forward process. Suppose  $f \in C^2(\mathbb{R}^2)$  and put  $Y(t) = f(t, X(t))$ . Then if  $\frac{1}{2} < H < 1$ , we have*

$$d^- Y(t) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial t}(t, X(t)) dt + \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(t, X(t)) d^- X(t)$$



PROOF. Let  $0 = t_0 < t_1 < \dots < t_N = t$  be a partition of  $[0, t]$ . By using Taylor expansion, we get by equation (3.17)

$$\begin{aligned}
Y(t) - Y(0) &= \sum_j Y(t_{j+1}) - Y(t_j) \\
&= \sum_j f(t_{j+1}, X(t_{j+1})) - f(t_j, X(t_j)) \\
&= \sum_j \frac{\partial f}{\partial t}(t_j, X(t_j)) \Delta t_j + \sum_j \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(t_j, X(t_j)) \Delta X(t_j) \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{2} \sum_j \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2}(t_j, X(t_j)) (\Delta X(t_j))^2 + \sum_j o((\Delta t_j)^2) + o((\Delta X(t_j))^2) \\
&= \sum_j \frac{\partial f}{\partial t}(t_j, X(t_j)) \Delta t_j + \sum_j \int_{t_j}^{t_{j+1}} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(t_j, X(t_j)) d^- X_t \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{2} \sum_j \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2}(t_j, X(t_j)) (\Delta X(t_j))^2 + \sum_j o((\Delta t_j)^2) + o((\Delta X(t_j))^2)
\end{aligned}$$

where  $\Delta X(t_j) = X(t_{j+1}) - X(t_j)$ . Since  $\frac{1}{2} < H < 1$ , the quadratic variation of the fractional Brownian motion is zero and we are left with the first terms of the sum above, which converges to  $\int_0^t \frac{\partial f}{\partial s}(s, X(s)) ds + \int_0^t \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(s, X(s)) d^- X(s)$ .  $\square$

Using the results of Theorem 3.7 and 3.10, we obtain a general Itô formula for functionals of Wick-Itô-Skorohod integrals with respect to the fractional Brownian motion when  $\frac{1}{2} < H < 1$ . An Itô formula for  $\frac{1}{2} < H < 1$  has been already proved in [9] and in [4], but under more restrictive hypotheses. Here we provide a different proof under weaker assumptions. If  $\frac{1}{2} < H < 1$  this theorem extends Theorem 3.8 in [7]. A related result, obtained independently and by a different method, can be found in [11]. Moreover our results hold in a different setting.

**Theorem 3.11 (Itô formula for the WIS-integral)** Suppose  $\frac{1}{2} < H <$

1. Let  $\gamma(s)$  be a measurable process such that  $\int_0^t |\gamma(s)| ds < \infty$  a.s. for all  $t \geq 0$ , let  $\psi(t) = \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{J}} c_\alpha(t) \mathcal{H}_\alpha(\omega)$  be càglàd, WIS-integrable and such that

$$\sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{J}} \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \|c_\alpha\|_{L^2([0, T])} \alpha_i (\alpha_k + 1) \alpha! < \infty.$$

Suppose that  $M_t D_t \psi(s)$  is also WIS-integrable for almost all  $t \in [0, T]$ . Consider

$$X(t) = x + \int_0^t \gamma(s) ds + \int_0^t \psi(s) dB^{(H)}(s), \quad t \in [0, T],$$

or, in short-hand notation,

$$dX(t) = \gamma(t)dt + \psi(t)dB^{(H)}(t), \quad X(0) = x.$$

Suppose  $X_t$  has a càdlàg version (Remark 3.12). Let  $f \in C^2(\mathbb{R}^2)$  and put  $Y(t) = f(t, X(t))$ . Then on  $[0, T]$

$$dY(t) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial t}(t, X(t))dt + \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(t, X(t))dX(t) + \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2}(t, X(t))\psi(t)M_{t+}D_{t+}X(t)dt, \quad (3.20)$$

and equivalently

$$\begin{aligned} dY(t) &= \frac{\partial f}{\partial t}(t, X(t))dt + \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(t, X(t))dX(t) + \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2}(t, X(t))\psi(t)M^2(\psi\chi_{[0,t]})_t dt \\ &\quad + \left[ \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2}(t, X(t))\psi(t) \int_0^t M_t^2 D_t^{(H)}\psi(u)dB^{(H)}(u) \right] dt, \end{aligned} \quad (3.21)$$

where  $M^2(\psi\chi_{[0,t]})_t = M^2(\psi\chi_{[0,t]})(t)$ .

PROOF. For simplicity we put  $\alpha = 0$ . By Theorem 3.7 we have

$$X(t) = \int_0^t \psi(s)d^-B^{(H)}(s) - \int_0^t M_{s+}^2 D_{s+}^{(H)}\psi(s)ds$$

We note that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\epsilon} \int_t^{t+\epsilon} M_s^2 D_s^{(H)}(f'(X(t))\psi(t))ds &= f'(X(t)) \frac{1}{\epsilon} \int_t^{t+\epsilon} M_s^2 D_s^{(H)}\psi(t)ds \\ &\quad + \psi(t)f''(X(t)) \frac{1}{\epsilon} \int_t^{t+\epsilon} M_s^2 D_s^{(H)}X(t)ds \end{aligned} \quad (3.22)$$

Since  $\psi \in \mathbb{L}_{1,2}^{(H)}$ , the first term converges to  $f'(X(t))M_{t+}^2 D_{t+}^{(H)}\psi(t)$  as  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$ . For the second term we restrict our attention to

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\epsilon} \int_t^{t+\epsilon} M_s^2 D_s^{(H)}X(t)ds &= \underbrace{\frac{1}{\epsilon} \int_t^{t+\epsilon} \int_0^t M_s^2 D_s^{(H)}\psi(u)dB^{(H)}(u)ds}_{a)} \\ &\quad + \underbrace{\frac{1}{\epsilon} \int_t^{t+\epsilon} M_s^2(\psi\chi_{[0,t]})ds}_{b)}. \end{aligned}$$

a) To study the convergence of the term a), we proceed as in Lemma 3.5. By using the chaos expansion we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\epsilon} \int_t^{t+\epsilon} \int_0^t M_s^2 D_s^{(H)} \psi(u) dB^{(H)}(u) ds = \\ \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{J}} \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (c_{\alpha}, \xi_k)_t \frac{1}{\epsilon} \int_t^{t+\epsilon} \eta_i(s) ds \alpha_i \mathcal{H}_{\alpha - \epsilon(i) + \epsilon(k)}. \end{aligned}$$

Put  $\psi_{i,k,\alpha,\epsilon} := (c_{\alpha}, \xi_k)_t \frac{1}{\epsilon} \int_t^{t+\epsilon} \eta_i(s) ds \alpha_i \mathcal{H}_{\alpha - \epsilon(i) + \epsilon(k)}$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{J}} \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \|\psi_{i,k,\alpha,\epsilon}\|_{L^2(\mathbb{P})}^2 = \\ \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{J}} \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (c_{\alpha}, \xi_k)_t^2 \left( \frac{1}{\epsilon} \int_t^{t+\epsilon} \eta_i(s) ds \right)^2 \alpha_i (\alpha_k + 1) \alpha! \leq \\ \left[ \frac{(t+\epsilon)^{2H} - t^{2H}}{\epsilon} \right]^2 \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{J}} \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \|c_{\alpha}\|_{L^2(0,T)}^2 \|\xi_k\|_{L^2(0,T)}^2 \alpha_i (\alpha_k + 1) \alpha! \leq \\ \left[ \frac{(t+\epsilon)^{2H} - t^{2H}}{\epsilon} \right]^2 \sum_{\alpha \in \mathcal{J}} \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \|c_{\alpha}\|_{L^2(0,T)}^2 \alpha_i (\alpha_k + 1) \alpha!, \quad (3.23) \end{aligned}$$

where we have used that  $\|\xi_k\|_{L^2(0,T)}^2 \leq \|\xi_k\|_{L^2(0,T)}^2 = 1, \forall k = 1, 2, \dots$ . Since

$$\frac{1}{\epsilon} \int_t^{t+\epsilon} \eta_i(s) ds \rightarrow \eta_i(t) \quad (3.24)$$

and (3.23) holds, by Lemma 3.4 we conclude that

$$\lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\epsilon} \int_t^{t+\epsilon} \int_0^t M_s^2 D_s^{(H)} \psi(u) dB^{(H)}(u) ds = \int_0^t M_t^2 D_t^{(H)} \psi(u) dB^{(H)}(u) \quad (3.25)$$

in  $L^2(\mathbb{P})$ .

b) Since  $\psi \in \mathbb{L}_{1,2}^{(H)}$ , we have

$$\frac{1}{\epsilon} \int_t^{t+\epsilon} M_s^2 (\psi \chi_{[0,t]}) ds \longrightarrow M^2(\psi \chi_{[0,t]})_t, \quad \text{a.e. and in } L^2(\mathbb{P}), \quad (3.26)$$

where for the sake of simplicity we have put  $M^2(\psi \chi_{[0,t]})_t = M^2(\psi \chi_{[0,t]})(t)$ . Let  $A_t = - \int_0^t M_{s+}^2 D_{s+}^{(H)} \psi(s) ds$ . Then by the Itô formula for forward integrals

(Theorem 3.10) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
dY(t) &= f'(X(t))d^-X(t) \\
&= f'(X(t))dA_t + f'(X(t))d^-B^{(H)}(t) \\
&= -f'(X(t))M_{t+}D_{t+}\psi(t)dt + f'(X(t))\psi(t)dB^{(H)}(t) \\
&\quad + \left[ f'(X(t))M_{t+}D_{t+}\psi(t) + \psi(t)f''(X(t))M_{t+}D_{t+}X(t) \right] dt \\
&= f'(X(t))dX(t) + f''(X(t))\psi(t)M_{t+}D_{t+}X(t)dt
\end{aligned}$$

and by (3.25) and (3.26) we can conclude that

$$\begin{aligned}
dY(t) &= f'(X(t))dX(t) + f''(X(t))\psi(t) \int_0^t M_t^2 D_t^{(H)} \psi(u) dB^{(H)}(u) dt \\
&\quad + f''(X(t))\psi(t)M^2(\psi\chi_{[0,t]})_t dt.
\end{aligned}$$

Note that all the integrands appearing in (3.27) are well-defined because  $X_t$  is càdlàg.  $\square$

**Remark 3.12** *Conditions under which the integral process admits a continuous modification are proved in [3] and [4].*

**Corollary 3.13** *Assume that  $\psi \in L_H^2(\mathbb{R})$ ,  $\alpha = 0$  and otherwise let  $H, X, f, Y$  be as in Theorem 3.11. Then*

$$dY(t) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial t}(t, X(t))dt + \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(t, X(t))dX(t) + \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2}(t, X(t))\psi(t)M^2(\chi_{[0,t]}\psi)_t dt \quad (3.27)$$

**Remark 3.14** *In the case when  $\psi(s)$  is deterministic, a (different) Itô formula, valid for all  $H \in (0, 1)$  and for all  $x$ -entire functions  $f(t, x)$  of order 2, has been obtained in Theorem 11.1 of [15].*

## 4 Examples

### 4.1 A special case

In [5] and [7] an Itô formula for the case when  $Y(t) = f(B^{(H)}(t))$  is provided, valid for all  $H \in (0, 1)$ . We recall here that formula

$$dY(t) = f'(X(t))dX(t) + Ht^{2H-1}f''(X(t))\psi(t)dt \quad (4.1)$$

We now show that if  $H > \frac{1}{2}$  then (3.20) and (4.1) coincide in this case.

**Proposition 4.1** *For every  $H \in (0, 1)$  we have*

$$M_{t+} D_{t+} B^{(H)}(t) = H t^{2H-1}, \quad t \geq 0.$$

PROOF. Let  $t \geq 0$ . We recall that  $D_t^{(H)} B^{(H)}(u) = \chi_{[0,u)}(t)$ . Hence we need to prove that

$$\begin{aligned} M_{t+} D_{t+} B^{(H)}(t) &= \lim_{s \rightarrow t^+} \frac{1}{\epsilon} \int_t^{t+\epsilon} M_s^2 D_s^{(H)} B^{(H)}(t) ds \\ &= [M_t^2 \chi_{[0,u)}(t)]_{u=t} = H t^{2H-1} \end{aligned}$$

We consider  $\psi(u) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} (M_t \chi_{[0,u)}(t))^2 dt$ . Since, by [10], we have that  $\psi(u) = u^{2H}$ , we only need to show that  $\psi'(u) = 2[M_t^2 \chi_{[0,u)}(t)]_{t=u}$ . We rewrite  $\psi(u)$  as follows

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(u) &= \int_{\mathbb{R}} (M_t \chi_{[0,u)}(t))^2 dt \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}} \chi_{[0,u)}(t) M_t^2 \chi_{[0,u)}(t) dt \\ &= \int_0^u M_t^2 \chi_{[0,u)}(t) dt \end{aligned}$$

by using the properties of the operator  $M$ . We compute

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{\psi(u+\epsilon) - \psi(u)}{\epsilon} \\ &= \frac{1}{\epsilon} \left( \int_0^{u+\epsilon} M_t^2 \chi_{[0,u+\epsilon]}(t) dt - \int_0^u M_t^2 \chi_{[0,u)}(t) dt \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{\epsilon} \left( \int_u^{u+\epsilon} M_t^2 \chi_{[0,u+\epsilon]}(t) dt + \int_0^u [M_t^2 \chi_{[0,u+\epsilon]}(t) - M_t^2 \chi_{[0,u)}(t)] dt \right) \end{aligned}$$

by adding and subtracting  $\int_0^u M_t^2 \chi_{[0,u+\epsilon]}(t) dt$ . Since the operator  $M$  transforms  $\chi_{[0,u)}(t)$  into a continuous function, we obtain

1.  $\int_u^{u+\epsilon} M_t^2 \chi_{[0,u+\epsilon]}(t) dt = [M_t^2 \chi_{[0,u+\epsilon]}(t)]_{t=\xi_\epsilon} \epsilon$ , where  $u < \xi_\epsilon < u + \epsilon$ . By writing

$$[M_t^2 \chi_{[0,u+\epsilon]}(t)]_{t=\xi_\epsilon} = [M_t^2 (\chi_{[0,u+\epsilon]} - \chi_{[0,u)})](t)]_{t=\xi_\epsilon} + [M_t^2 \chi_{[0,u)}(t)]_{t=\xi_\epsilon}$$

we obtain that, when taking the limit as  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$ , the first term goes to zero, while the second term converges to  $[M_t^2 \chi_{[0,u)}(t)]_{t=u}$  since  $\xi_\epsilon \rightarrow u$  when  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$ .

2. We have that

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{1}{\epsilon} \int_0^u [M_t^2 \chi_{[0, u+\epsilon]}(t) dt - M_t^2 \chi_{[0, u]}(t)] dt = \\
& \quad \frac{1}{\epsilon} \int_0^u M_t^2 [\chi_{(u, u+\epsilon]}(t)] dt = \\
& \quad \frac{1}{\epsilon} \int_0^T \chi_{[0, u]}(t) (M_t^2 [\chi_{(u, u+\epsilon]}(t)]) dt = \\
& \quad \frac{1}{\epsilon} \int_u^{u+\epsilon} M_t^2 [\chi_{[0, u]}(t)] dt
\end{aligned}$$

converges to  $[M_t^2 \chi_{[0, u]}(t)]_{t=u}$  as  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$ .

Hence

$$\psi'(u) = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{\psi(u+\epsilon) - \psi(u)}{\epsilon} = 2[M_t^2 \chi_{[0, u]}(t)]_{t=u}$$

i.e. the equality  $[M_t^2 \chi_{[0, u]}(t)]_{t=u} = Hu^{2H-1}$  holds for every  $H \in (0, 1)$ .  $\square$

## 4.2 An integration by parts formula

Let  $\psi(s) = \psi(s, \omega) \in \mathbb{L}_{1,2}^{(H)}$  be  $dB^{(H)}$ -integrable and define

$$X(t) = \int_0^t \psi(s) dB^{(H)}(s)$$

and

$$Y(t) = X^2(t).$$

By (3.25) and (3.26) we have

$$M_{t+} D_{t+} X(t) = \int_0^t M_t D_t \psi(s) dB^{(H)}(s) + M^2(\psi \chi_{[0, t]})_t, \quad (4.2)$$

where  $M^2(\psi \chi_{[0, t]})_t = M^2(\psi \chi_{[0, t]})(t)$ . Then by Theorem 3.11 and by Proposition 2.12 we have

$$dY(t) = 2X(t)dX(t) + 2\psi(t) \left( \int_0^t M_t D_t \psi(s) dB^{(H)}(s) + M^2(\psi \chi_{[0, t]})_t \right) dt \quad (4.3)$$

In particular, if  $\psi \in L_H^2(\mathbb{R})$ , we get

$$dY(t) = 2X(t)dX(t) + 2\psi(t)M^2(\psi \chi_{[0, t]})_t dt \quad (4.4)$$

By using that  $X_1 X_2 = \frac{1}{2}[(X_1 + X_2)^2 - X_1^2 - X_2^2]$  this gives the following product rule:

**Proposition 4.2 (Product rule)** Suppose  $\psi_1, \psi_2 \in L_H^2(\mathbb{R})$  and define

$$X_i(t) = \int_0^t \psi_i(s) dB^{(H)}(s); \quad i = 1, 2$$

and

$$Y(t) = X_1(t)X_2(t).$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} dY(t) &= X_1(t)dX_2(t) + X_2(t)dX_1(t) \\ &\quad + \left\{ \psi_1(t)M^2(\psi_2\chi_{[0,t]})_t + \psi_2(t)M^2(\psi_1\chi_{[0,t]})_t \right\} dt \end{aligned} \quad (4.5)$$

**Corollary 4.3 (Integration by parts)** Let  $X_i(t)$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ , be as in Proposition 4.2. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^t X_1(s)dX_2(s) &= X_1(t)X_2(t) - \int_0^t X_2(s)dX_1(s) \\ &\quad - \int_0^t \left\{ \psi_1(s)M^2(\psi_2\chi_{[0,s]})_s + \psi_2(s)M^2(\psi_1\chi_{[0,s]})_s \right\} ds. \end{aligned} \quad (4.6)$$

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